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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT ELIMINATING REIMBURSEMENT TO MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT PILOT COMMISSION AND THE CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION, AND PROVIDING STAFF SUPPORT TO THE CONNECTICUT PILOT COMMISSION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 15-13c of the general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) There is created within the Department of Transportation, for  
5 administrative purposes only, the Connecticut Pilot Commission to  
6 assist and advise the Commissioner of Transportation on matters  
7 relating to the licensure of pilots, the safe conduct of vessels and the  
8 protection of the ports and waters of the state, including the waters of  
9 Long Island Sound.

10 (b) The commission shall consist of nine members, one of whom  
11 shall be the Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's  
12 designee and one of whom shall be an active licensed pilot in this state  
13 operating on the Connecticut side of the rotation system for the

14 assignment of pilots. The pilot member shall be designated by a simple  
 15 majority vote of pilots operating on the Connecticut side of the rotation  
 16 system for the assignment of pilots. The remaining seven members  
 17 shall be appointed as follows: The Governor shall appoint one member  
 18 representing a maritime-related industry, which industry shall not  
 19 include a recreational industry; the president pro tempore of the  
 20 Senate shall appoint one member representing the public with an  
 21 interest in the environment who does not have an economic interest in  
 22 the subject matters of the commission; the majority leader of the Senate  
 23 shall appoint one member representing the public with an interest in  
 24 the environment who does not have an economic interest in the subject  
 25 matters of the commission; the minority leader of the Senate shall  
 26 appoint one member who shall be a retired ship's master or captain;  
 27 the speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member  
 28 representing a maritime-related industry, which industry shall not  
 29 include a recreational industry; the majority leader of the House of  
 30 Representatives shall appoint one member representing a maritime-  
 31 related industry from a shipping agent perspective; the minority leader  
 32 of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member with an  
 33 expertise in the area of admiralty law. Each member shall be a resident  
 34 of the state, provided no member shall be an active licensed pilot,  
 35 except the one active Connecticut licensed pilot operating in and  
 36 designated by a simple majority of pilots operating on the Connecticut  
 37 side of the rotation system for the assignment of pilots. Members shall  
 38 [be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
 39 their duties] receive no compensation for the performance of their  
 40 duties.

41 Sec. 2. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 13b-51a of the  
 42 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
 43 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

44 (a) There shall be in the Department of Transportation a Connecticut  
 45 Maritime Commission which shall consist of fifteen members, as  
 46 follows: (1) The Commissioners of Transportation, Economic and

47 Community Development and Environmental Protection, the Secretary  
48 of the Office of Policy and Management and the chairman of the  
49 Transportation Strategy Board, established pursuant to section 13b-  
50 57e, or their respective designees; (2) four members appointed by the  
51 Governor; and (3) one member each appointed by the president pro  
52 tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
53 majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the  
54 majority leader of the House of Representatives and the minority  
55 leader of the House of Representatives. All appointed members shall  
56 serve for terms coterminous with their appointing authority and until  
57 their successor is appointed and has qualified. Vacancies on said  
58 commission shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the same  
59 manner as original appointments.

60 (b) Appointed members of the commission shall be qualified by  
61 experience or training and shall include members of the public and (1)  
62 a representative of business and industry that is a regular user of  
63 Connecticut port freight services; (2) a member or employee of a local  
64 port authority; (3) a Connecticut port operator; (4) an operator of a  
65 marine passenger service; (5) an elected or appointed official from a  
66 coastal community; (6) a user or provider of recreational maritime  
67 services; and (7) a working member of a port labor union.

68 (c) The chairman shall be selected by the Governor from among the  
69 appointed members of the commission. The members shall annually  
70 elect one of their numbers as secretary. The commission may elect such  
71 other officers as it deems proper. Members shall receive no  
72 compensation for the performance of their duties, [ but shall be  
73 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance  
74 thereof.]

75 Sec. 3. Section 13b-51b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
76 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

77 There shall be, within the Department of Transportation, a State  
78 Maritime Office which shall: (1) Be responsible for maritime

79 operations, including the State Pier in New London, the Connecticut  
80 River ferries and such other operational responsibilities as shall be  
81 assigned to it; (2) serve as the Governor's principal maritime policy  
82 advisor; (3) serve as the liaison between the state and federal, local and  
83 private entities involved in maritime policy activities; (4) coordinate  
84 the state's maritime policy activities; (5) encourage year-round use of  
85 water-related industries; (6) work with the Department of Economic  
86 and Community Development and other state, local and private  
87 entities to maximize the economic potential of Connecticut's ports and  
88 other maritime resources; (7) conduct necessary research and planning  
89 activities; (8) assess potential state investments in ports and other  
90 maritime facilities; (9) provide staff support to the Connecticut  
91 Maritime Commission, created in section 13b-51a, as amended by this  
92 act; (10) provide staff support to the Connecticut Pilot Commission  
93 created by section 15-13c, as amended by this act; and ~~[(10)]~~ (11)  
94 undertake such other responsibilities as may be assigned to it by the  
95 commissioner or the Governor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	15-13c(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	13b-51a(a) to (c)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	13b-51b

***Statement of Purpose:***

To eliminate reimbursement to members of the Connecticut Pilot Commission and the Connecticut Maritime Commission, and provide staff support to the Connecticut Pilot Commission. Requested by the Department of Transportation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*